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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Editors wish to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a very happy New Year. 1946, with its problems and uncertainties is behind us. Ahead lies 1947, a new year with its new opportunities. Let's work together to make it a good year for the Hospital as well as for each other. The Administrative Staff is working on plans to improve working conditions here. We might, in turn, try to improve our work. Anyway, HAPPY NEW YEAR.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party given to all employees was held on Tuesday, December 17th, at Oliver Ames Post American Legion Hall. A record crowd of over 400 attended and were delighted with the wonderful program which had been planned. The hall was gaily decorated, and the Committee on Decorations, Mrs. Kimball and Miss Shand, admit it was the easiest assignment they were ever given. We wish to join them right now in a hearty thank you to the Committee in charge of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital party, who so kindly left their decorations for our use and enjoyment. The group who assembled early joined in Community Singing, led by jovial John Keefe, with Mrs. Parkins at the piano. The program, with Rev. Clarence Morrill as Master of Ceremonies, was as follows:

Welcome Speech and Introduction of Mr. Morrill.....Dr. Cook

Christmas Carols.....Nurses' Glee Club
Directed by Ernest Hardy

Musical Clown.....Robert Frost

Solo, "One Kiss".....Margaret Barrett

Drawing for the Christmas Baskets.....Direction of Herbert Robinson, Pres. of Alpha Credit Union, Assisted by Miss Harding

Awarding of Service Pins.....Dr. Cook

Music of the Theramin.....H. Whipple Abbott

The program was followed by a social hour, with refreshments served. At this time, also, the hospital followed its usual custom of distributing boxes of chocolates to all employees. The Committee in charge of the evening was: Mrs. Jameson, Chairman; Miss Winger, Mr. Chamberlin, Mr. Emery and Mr. Lowry. Refreshments were served under the direction of Miss Sellman and Miss Witham.

A special feature of the evening was the awarding of a pin to Dr. Cook for his 18 years of service with us. A presentation speech was made by Mr. Stanley O. MacMullen, Chairman of the Executive Committee, who then pinned the emblem on Dr. Cook. The following pins were then presented by Dr. Cook:

Five to Ten Years

Temperance Abbott	Administration
Hazel M. Alcott	Administration
Lilla Anderson	Pathology
Bonnibel Beard	Maintenance
Frances Benjamin	Administration
Dorothy Blanchard	Solution Room
Ellen Butler	Dietary
Laura Connors	Laundry
Ann Cotter	Administration
Walter Defren	Nursing
Virginia Diggdon	Nursing
Lilla Dixon	Administration
Janet Durant	Nursing
May Feyler	Laundry
Katherine Ganey	Housekeeping
Edward Gauntlett	Radium
Catherine Gifford	Pathology
Hazel Gormley	Housekeeping
Klara Kankinson	Nursing
Gladys Harrison	Social Service
Ruth Johnson	Nursing
Harold B. Kenton	Bacteriology
Elinor Keresey	Nursing
Margaret Kerrigan	Administration
Madelyn Lendall	Dental
Winnie McIntosh	Housekeeping
Anne McNichols	Housekeeping
William Murphy	Engineering
Katherine O'Leary	Purchasing
Muriel Palmer	Nursing
Mabel Petfield	X-ray
Ruth Phillips	Nursing
Marjorie R. Pond	Nursing
Lois Preston	Nursing
Evelyn Saunders	Nursing
Eve Schandelmayer	Housekeeping
Constance Sellman	Chemistry
Gertrude Trout	Nursing
Gordon Wilson	Dietary

Ten to Fifteen Years

Ann Burke	Housekeeping
Timothy Casey	Engineering
Frederick Cheney	Laundry
Mary Flaherty	Dietary
William Gibson	Dietary
Kathryn Haley	Pathology
Marion Haskell	Administration
Gertrude Jameson	Social Service
John Keefe	Purchasing
Agnes Kennedy	Administration
Betty McNulty	Dietary
Margaret Mulkern	Housekeeping
Helen Murray	Housekeeping
Ethel Nickerson	Nursing
Alice Osgood	Nursing
Granville Smith	Maintenance
Bertina Terkelson	Administration
Ruth Tipping	Nursing
Natalie Tompkins	Nursing
Louise Walker	Dietary
Evelyn Wilson	Record Library

Fifteen to Twenty Years

John Bonner	Engineering
Mary Connolly	Laundry
Warren F. Cook	Administration
Russell Cowing	Radium
John A. Curtis	Maintenance
Henry Flynn	Engineering
Felix Galasti	Maintenance
Eva Gifford	Housekeeping
Catherine Grady	Dietary
Kathleen Halloran	Housekeeping
Abbie Kane	Laundry
Ida Kane	Dietary
Jessie Kennedy	Administration
Miriam Jackson	Administration
Maude Maher	Radium
Katherine McMahon	Dietary
Flora Pray	Housekeeping
Esther Prince	Administration
Bernice Quimby	Dietary
Donald Sabine	Maintenance
Isabel Smith	Dietary
Annie Studley	Record Library
Esther Waldsmith	Administration
Joseph Warren	Pathology
Shields Warren	Pathology
Catherine Waters	Administration
Catherine Waters	Housekeeping
Eva Witham	Pathology

Twenty to Twenty-five Years

Rita Dennehy	Laundry
Michael Mazgelis	Housekeeping
Ella Needham	Record Room
Herbert Robinson	Maintenance
Anne Shea	Housekeeping
Patrick Sullivan	Housekeeping
Nora Webb	Dietary

Twenty-five to Thirty-five Years

Ada Hamlyn	Nursing
Howard Lewis	Engineering
Ruth Sherman	Radium

Thirty-five Years

Orianna Harding	Administration

We are very proud of the above record and are equally proud of the little pins which are the visible sign of our service. Most of the recipients are now looking forward to future Christmas parties when we can "Trade In" the ones we are now wearing for the solid gold ones which will be ours "for keeps".

Speaking for all the employees of the Hospital, we want to thank those who worked so tirelessly to make this party such a huge success. We realize the hours of planning and labor that goes into such an undertaking, and we do appreciate it.

WE — THE EMPLOYEES

Administration

Letters from Mildred Pinkham tell us of continued gains in health. She is looking forward happily to the day, not too far in the future, when she will be back with us again.

Gertrude Goldberg, now released from the Wacs, dropped in to see us a short while ago. She was making a flying visit to Boston, and then was headed for Chicago, where she plans to attend the University of Chicago. She reported having had lunch in Los Angeles with Miss Parker and Mrs. Burgess — a sort of Deaconess Reunion at long distance.

Our annual Christmas party was held in the Executive Office on Tuesday, December 24th, in the form of a luncheon and a joke tree.

Dietary

One hundred and twenty-five Girl Scouts from Troops 24, 30, 107, 319 and 378 helped to make Christmas a cheerier day for those patients who had to remain in the hospital for Christmas. The girls came on three Saturdays and made favors and menu cards for the trays. Those who saw them working so industriously around the Cafeteria tables will not soon forget the appealing scene. Some of them also came in on Monday and Tuesday to sing carols in the hospital corridors and others came in on Christmas Day to help serve the dinner.

We are very proud indeed of Annie Barrett's daughter, Peggy, who sang for the Hospital Christmas Party. With her voice and personality, she should go far in her chosen career.

Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Lynch and Miss Jackson gave a Christmas Party on Thursday evening, December 19th, for the boys and girls who work in their departments. "A good time was had by all." Without the help of our High School Boys and Girls, it would be difficult to serve the evening meals to our patients and personnel. They are also a great deal of help on Sundays and Holidays.

We are sorry that Miss Spillman, our Dietitian for the Baker Building, had such an uncomfortable time and had to be admitted as a patient in

Palmer during the Christmas holiday season. It would have been very hard to carry on her work except for the loyalty and co-operation of the other members of the Dietary Staff.

Engineering

Are you surprised to hear from this Department? No more than we were when we heard that "Our Baby" had the German measles:—pre-Nazi, that is!

We have remodelled part of Brodbeck Cottage to make room for the Thrift Shop opened by the Friends of the Deaconess. We expect also to patronize them heavily, not only because they have contributed so greatly to the welfare of the Hospital but because of the fine merchandise and its convenience.

Our electrician is in the market for a strong safe, one that will hold orange crates or a reasonable facsimile thereof. "Guess why?"

Laboratories

We are always enthusiastic this time of year about our Christmas greetings, which come from many places to remind us of our former associates. The most interesting news was the simultaneous greetings and announcement from Mabel (Mayhew) Cooper, adding the name of her recently-born son, Frank.

Dr. William Tribby is spending the holidays at his home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Joseph Warren went Christmassing to Maine.

The Hospital's Christmas present to Pathology was a new linoleum floor. It certainly disrupted things for a while, but now, installed, it is our pride and joy.

Laundry

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nickerson on the arrival of a seven and one-half pound son. Mr. Nickerson was our former washroom foreman and Mrs. Nickerson the former Sally Smith.

We have invited the Laundry Managers' Association to hold their Tenth Anniversary here in February. This Association was started here at the Deaconess Hospital ten years ago. A business meeting will be held, followed by refreshments and a social hour.

Our annual Christmas Party was held on the afternoon before Christmas. So many of us have been with the Department for so long that we have practically a family group and so our parties are always of the best. Names had been drawn for an exchange of gifts and they were opened among much laughter and fun.

Nursing

Our best wishes to Miss Janette Grant and to Miss Beverly Conant (both headnurses on Deaconess 2) on their recent engagements.

Congratulations to Mrs. George Wagner (Betty Fahey) on the birth of a baby girl, Jane Patricia.

A Christmas Tea was given by Miss Shrader in her apartment on December 20th for the members of the Faculty.

The Nursing School Christmas Party was held in Harris Hall on December 20th for the Faculty and Students. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus dropped in, but along the way poor Santa had lost his suit! What a predicament — and what a suit was assembled for him! With John Keefe and Miss Hamlyn to help us, our evening was a "Howling" success.

Out-Patient Department

The tenth annual Christmas Party for the personnel of the Palmer Tumor Clinics was held following the clinic on December 19th. Doctors, nurses, secretaries, social workers and volunteers joined in the merriment and ate in an atmosphere of holly, candlelight and festivity.

Miss Maude B. Maher, of the Radium and Out-patient Departments, spent the Christmas holidays with her family in Lowell. We understand that it is the first time the entire family has been together for the Holiday for eighteen years.

The "Night Before Christmas" ended rather disastrously for Ruth Sherman, who, on Tuesday afternoon, slipped and fell, breaking her shoulder. Poor Shermie had to spend Christmas in the hospital, but we understand the break was a clean one and she is not too uncomfortable.

Record Room

Christmas for the Palmer Record Room reached a high peak when Miss Studley entertained the personnel at dinner on Wednesday, the 18th, and we mean "entertained." Gifts were exchanged, carols sung, and games played until our only regret was that Christmas only comes once a year.

Social Service

The Social Service Department announces with regret the resignation of Mrs. Muriel Oakman, who for four years has been our assistant social worker. She has made many friends among her fellow workers, and has been of real service to hundreds of patients. Recently she has been deeply interested in the beginnings of the "Pulse" and has put much time and effort into its publications. The Editorial Staff will miss her.

Through the generosity of the Friends of the Deaconess, Mrs. W. C. Carter, and a former patient, this Department was able to provide a pleasant Christmas for many patients. Children were remembered with toys contributed by the American Red Cross; and money and gifts were given to needy, older people who come to the hospital regularly for examinations or treatment. Almost 200 Christmas Cards were sent to patients and former patients. To realize that the hospital continues to be interested in them even after they have left means a great deal to many patients.

This Department will hold a Post-Christmas party on December 30th at the home of Mrs. Paine, our gracious librarian.

Volunteers

A farewell tea was given in honor of Miss Constance Learned, formerly the Director of Volunteer Service, in the Harris Hall Parlors. Miss Learned plans to be at home and not be actively engaged in any work. We predict that she will soon be up to her ears in church and social activities, however. Such an efficient and pleasing person cannot stay in seclusion. A large number of employees, Friends of the Deaconess, and volunteers attended the Tea to regretfully bid her farewell and to greet her successor, Miss Pamela Whitney.

Mrs. Ernest French, well loved volunteer with the Patients' Library from 1938 until her return to England last year, writes that she hopes to return to Boston in the Spring. Her letters have told of the beauties of the English countryside and of the devastation in London and elsewhere; of the rationing, even more strict than during the war; and of her friends and relatives, their losses and deprivations during the war years. She wishes to be remembered to all who knew her.

Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham was the winner of the adorable Nurses' Aide Doll, which was so cleverly dressed and then donated by a former Deaconess patient. Many of us contributed to the sale, and a substantial amount was realized for free work.

X-Ray

Our congratulations to Dr. Ham, who has recently been certified by the Board of Radiology.

Staff News

A daughter was born on November 9th, to Dr. and Mrs. Waldo Mills.

News has reached us that Dr. Clark Case, former Palmer Resident, has been appointed to the Staff of the Ohio University School of Medicine to teach Surgery.

Dr. and Mrs. Clifford Franseen will spend the holidays with the Doctor's family in Wisconsin. He has not seen them for some time, and the trip is a well-deserved one for such a busy couple.

The Annual Meeting of the American College of Surgeons was held in Cleveland, Ohio from December 16th to December 20th. At the meeting on December 16th, Dr. Leland S. McKittrick, Surgeon-in-Chief at Palmer, was inaugurated as First Vice-President. Among Staff Doctors attending the meetings were Dr. Frank H. Lahey, who addressed one of the sessions; Dr. Elmer C. Bartels; Dr. Richard B. Cattell; Dr. Urban H. Eversole; Dr. Carroll C. Miller and Dr. James L. Poppen.

Recently published by Gruen and Stratton is a new book, "Progress in Gynecology", edited by Dr. Joe Vincent Meigs and Dr. Somers Sturgis. Dr. Meigs is a gynecologist on our Staff and is Head of the Palmer Gynecological Tumor Clinics.

Bowling League

Although we are a long way from having a "Team" yet, much less a "League", we are having evenings of bowling and are having fun during them. Our numbers have grown with each evening, but it is questionable whether our bowling has improved. With the Christmas Rush over, we expect our numbers to increase steadily and then we will sort ourselves by "Good", "Bad", and "Worst". Our next date will be Tuesday, January 7th. Why not come along and join in the fun? Call Charlie Schraub for time and place.

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Housekeeping ..... EVE SCHANDELMEYER
Laundry ..... RITA DENNEHY
Nursing ..... DOROTHY OGREAN
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